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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 16, 2004 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Communication is submitted in response to the December 16, 2004 Restriction Requirement issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the December 16, 2004 Restriction Requirement is due January 16, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in view of the December 16, 2004 Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that this application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of application Serial No. 10/092,138, filed March 6, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,743,630, issued June 1, 2004.

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